Motion No. 2.

Mr. A. B. Salem. *To omit the allotment of Rs. 2,208 under XXXIII—Miscellaneous—special allowances.*

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I beg to move that the allotment of Rs. 2,208 under Miscellaneous—Special Allowance be omitted. As I have already submitted, the expenditure does not seem to be necessary for carrying on the administration of the Department. There is ample fund in the Department to meet this expenditure by a simple transfer from one head to another. You have Rs. 11,000 more provided for the preventive staff—executive staff-this year than last year. Out of that, this Rs. 2,208 can, by transfer with the sanction of the Diwan, be made available and the expenditure met.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Could the Hon'ble Member tell us under which rule should we come to this House for such a transfer?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—You need not come to the House for this. There is no rule by which you have to come to the House for a transfer, but there has been a practice and convention established in this House that all transfers, after they have been made, shall be placed on the table of this House. That has been agreed to. But we object to any transfer being made without the knowledge of this House. Therefore, if this expenditure is to be met with the consent of this House, this expenditure can be met by a simple transfer. Whatever it is, my point is that there is no money necessary to be granted by this House and such expenditure can be met out of funds that are already available in the budget and there is no necessity to take this expenditure under 33 Miscellaneous either, because there is ample fund in the Department to meet this expenditure. In a way that is upon the merit.

As there was no seconder the motion was lost.

Demand put and granted.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—On the Government side, those who advocated prohibition now voted against it. The division was on the ground of prohibition. I specially asked the President whether the division was based on "prohibition" and he said yes. Was it not so, sir?

President.—Yes.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Now the Government servants all voted against it. Many a time the Government said that their policy is prohibition. There was a token cut on the same head and that was passed. The Government is rather in an anomalous position. I voted on that principle. As a protest against the policy of prohibition by the Government, we all supported the cut motion.

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Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—The policy of the Government was criticised and we opposed that.

President.—The House is adjourned to 2-30.

The House rose for lunch at 1-35 p. m. and met again at 2-35 p. m. with the Deputy President in the chair.

(4) VI. Excise—Rs. 700.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 700 under VI—Excise. The amount is required for the payment of remission in respect of toddy shop No. 285 of 1105 of Edakkunni Village. The shop had to be removed from the site originally fixed to a place outside the boundary on account of certain public complaints. The licensee complained that he suffered loss on account of this transfer and claimed remission of some amount. On that account Government was pleased to allow him a remission of Rs. 700. There is no allotment provided in the budget because this was not anticipated then. That is the reason for this demand for additional allotment. I request that the House may be pleased to sanction the same.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—How many months after the bid that the shop was closed?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Some three or four months after the bid was made. On account of certain public complaint, the shop had to be removed outside the boundary. The licensee complained that he has suffered loss on account of this transfer. Orders were passed only this year upon that complaint. There was no provision made in the budget on this account because it was not anticipated. The orders were passed only this year. The amount is not paid, pending the sanction of the Council for the grant.

Deputy President.—There is a cut motion in your name, Mr. Salem.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I don't want to press.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To omit the allotment of Rs. 700 under VI.—Excise.*

As the Member did not move the motion, it was considered withdrawn.

Demand put and was carried.

(5) VI.—Excise—Rs. 1,200.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional grant of Rs. 1,200 under VI—Excise—Miscellaneous. The amount is required for the purpose of paying the cost of a weighing machine purchased from Messrs. Averry and Co., Madras, for the use of the Malipuram Depot. It was provided in the budget of 1105, but when the machine was received here it was found that the box of the

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